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T. L. FRANCHISE IN PILOT POINT NOW DISCUSSED

Officials of the Texas-Louisiana Power company have been in town several times lately in the interest of their franchise, which has expired.

The power and light rates in Pilot Point are somewhat higher than in other towns, and the city dads have the power of granting a new franchise or inviting other companies in here.

At a Council meeting last Friday night held for the special purpose of discussing this question, Mr. Baird, of Fort Worth, president of the Light and Power Company, and two engineers were present to offer inducements for a new franchise. They suggest that rates will be the same or slightly lower than at present, and that besides extensive repairs, such as new poles, wire, etc. a new power plant to cost between $100,000 and $125,000 may be erected.

Within ten days the matter will be decided by vote of the council, and meanwhile they are spending the time writing to other towns to find out about rates and service in those places. On the first Monday in February, when the council meets again, the matter will probably be decided.

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WOMENS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Fourteen members and two guests braved the inclement weather and assembled in their first social and work meeting of the year, with Mrs. Gordon Elmore and Mrs. Buenhaan Monday afternoon, January 24th.

This phase of our line of work is under the wise supervision of our very capable superintendents, Mrs. E. C. Bauer and Mrs. G. A. Underwood. Everyone present was given some of needle work to do and each [illegible] isy. Needles and thimbles and [illegible] er and merry laughter made the hours slip by quickly.

During the social hour the hostess served a lovely plate refreshment containing a salad course, fruit cake, stuffed dates, blanched nuts and hot coffee with whipped cream.

The guests of the hour were Mrs. H. A. Hale and Miss Summerville.

Each one bade the hostess good bye and returned to their homes, realizing that it was one of the most pleasant social events of the year and that it was good to have been there.

Mrs. E. C. Escow.

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LIGHT POST BROKEN

Wayne Freeman, manager of the Red Ball Line, in making a turn at the southwest corner of the square Monday morning backed his car into the light post, completely demolishing the post and smashing the shade into smithereens.

Despite the rainy weather, bad roads, being late and having to wait on late college girls, Mr. Freeman took this accident in very good humor.

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MRS. CHRISTINA MAY BUSBY

As we go to press word reaches us of the death of Mrs. Christina May Busby, age 19 years and 10 months, on Wednesday evening at 9:30, the cause being typhoid fever. She leaves to mourn her untimely death her husband and two small children. Burial took place Thursday afternoon in the Masonic Cemetery.

We are without further particulars, but will print the complete obituary next week.

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Mrs. M. E. Wright is critically ill of stomach disorder at the home of Mrs. W. B. Montgomery. It is feared that she may not recover.

Will Haimes, owner of the Haimes Amusement Co., and Theo Ladel, his secretary, were here from Fort Worth Thursday.

For early Fryers and winter layers set Buff Orpington eggs. 60c per setting.—Mrs. Newt Beck. 49-53pd.

Mrs. Margaret Brown, of Denton, is visiting her brother, C. L. Kyle, and family.

Pickle Hradware Company is the place to buy your wall paper.

Billy Phillips, of Fort Worth, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Ida V. Newton, this week.

FOR RENT—Joe Burks place in north part of town. See Rudolph Blumberg. 52-p

Hurt at Celina

Relatives of Mrs. Lee Cunningham of Celina, formerly Miss Jessie Garrison of this city received word last week that her husband, Lee Cunningham, suffered a painful injury at 9:30 Saturday morning when his hand became caught in a belt at the McAdams roller mill.

He was taken to a doctor's office immediately where they found his hand so badly crushed that it was necessary to remove the fourth and little fingers.

Reports Monday stated that he was improving as rapidly as possible.

CURRENT EVENT NEWS of the WEEK BRIEFLY TOLD

Round Rock, Jan. 22.—Ten Baylor students killed and five injured Saturday when on way to play basketball with Texas U., the bus was struck by a fast passenger train.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Efforts being made to remove all Americans from the interior of China to coast cities because of anti-foreign sentiment there may cause massacres. Battleships of U. S. are in Chinese ports to help protect American citizens.

Washington, Jan. 23.— Twenty-six American vessels are on way to China and others are ready to sail. If American lives are taken the difficulty with China may be a serious one indeed.

The feeling in China against foreigners grows out of the fact that the white races have gone into China set themselves up everywhere with their own courts, their own segregated districts in some of the largest cities where Chinese authorities are excluded from all jurisdiction, posted their soldiers, sailors, marines, gun- [illegible] points on the coast and along the interior rivers and decided what customs duties the Chinese shall charge.

The other side of the picture is that there are millions of dollars of Occidental money and thousands of Christians in the country. They must be protected. The Chinese apparently are unable to do it. They are divided into many factions armies are as numerous as Mexican Generals. Looting, murder and everything else goes on.

Mexico City, Jan. 23.—The foreign policy of the United States was condemned at a mass meeting of 5,000 persons Sunday, including, besides Mexican workmen, many Poles, Germans and Central Americans.

Brownsville, Tex., Jan. 23.—A battle between border patrol officers and Mexican smugglers resulted in the death of three Mexicans and the wounding of patrol officer O'Neale.

Gainesville, Jan. 25.—Fire believed to have originated from a carlessly thrown cigaret, caused a damage of about $4,000 to the second floor of the Lindsay National Bank building.

Austin, Jan. 25.—After deliberation of a little more than an hour the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" in the case of Rev. Norris, Fort Worth pastor, who killed D. E. Chipps last July 17.

The plea for the state by McLean ended as follows:

"Gentlemen, Norris is better actor than any movie star I have ever known. Remember his crying and sobbing before you? Well, if you return him to Fort Worth and he goes back to his infamous slandering of good people, with hypocracy written on every inch of his brow, and if you pick up a newspaper and read where he has killed another man, remember —remember—

He's your criminal—not mine."

The defense stressed especially the necessity of self defense on the part of Rev. Norris, the hip pocket move of Chipps, the drunken condition of the victim, and numerous threats made by Chipps to take Norris's life.

When the verdict was read Rev. Norris, Mrs. Norris and their two young sons were seated near each other, and on hearing the "not guilty" verdict Norris embraced his lawyer and cried.

For the last three weeks the Post Signal has printed more columns of home news per week than any other weekly paper in Denton county.

—and it's our NEWS that is bringing us our new subscribers every week.

OIL NEWS FROM TIOGA REPORTER

Our Tioga rporter has the following to say regarding oil leasing in that vicinity.

Messrs Walker and Dayton of Valley View, "were here in the interest of the oil well on the Jim Dayton place. They secured more acreage from J. H. Ball and expect to start another well there in thirty days."

Complete local news from Tioga to be found on page eight of this issue.

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Fire at Mt. Springs

By Walling Reporter

Last Thursday night about ten o'clock Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blanks and family were returning from church at Prairie Grove when they discovered the house of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Clement in a blaze. Calling the nearest neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Crider, they rushed to the scene of the fire but were too late to save any of the household articles as the roof was almost ready to fall in when they reached the burning building.

Early in the day Mr. and Mrs. Clement had gone to Era to spend a few days with his brother and the origin of the fire is unknown. The house was in flames when Mr. and Mrs. Blanks discovered the fire. They were the first to reach the scene.

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J. R. Windle received word Wednesday that his sister, Mrs. T. H. Curbo, of Henderson, Texas, is seriously ill of double pneumonia. Mr. Windle left immediately to be with her.

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Go to Pickle Hardware Company for chicken wire.

CO-OPERATIVE LEAGUE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Co-Operative League met at their usual meeting place, the Central Christian Church, Sunday and elected the following officers:

Rob[illegible] Kyle—President.

Wel[illegible] Kibler—Vice President.

Che[illegible] Cloer—Sec. and Treas.

The [illegible] iring president, Tommy Sum[illegible] elected last July when the Leag[illegible] formed [illegible] ved the [illegible] excellent support from members that it had been a real pleasure to him to head the organization.

Rev. Cockrum, pastor of the Central Church, and Rev. Escoe, pastor of the Methodist Church, were both present at Sunday's meet. Both state that the Co-Operative society is a wonderful blessing to the young people of this city.

The society has indeed prospered, and its more than thirty members work splendidly together. The League is an undenominational affair, formed because young people's societies in the separate churches had not proved successful. It now numbers over thirty young people who meet at the Central Christian Church because it is centrally located.

All young people of Pilot Point and vicinity are invited to next Sunday's program.

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Mrs. J. Q. Gray visited in Dallas Sunday.

FORMER LOCAL BOY RELATES THRILLING EXPERIENCE IN HONOLULU

By Mrs. F. W. Gunstead

Mr. W. E. Mountain received some very interesting information recently from his son, Edwin, a marine stationed at Point Loma, near San Diego Calif.

The story was not known here before because considering his splendid physique. Edwin was somewhat ashamed of it until the Catalina swimming contest made him change his mind.

It happened some time ago, when he was stationed at Honolulu, when a number of swimmers along the beach were discussing a suitable destination for a long swim. The suggestion was made that they swim to a point about a mile out and they all agreed to that. The first to start was a woman and he hardly liked to be a piker, so he dived in and swam some distance. Perhaps it was the fact that his work had been unusually heavy (Edwin decidly prefers this explanation) or more probably fear of an octopus gripped him in the pit of his stomach—anyway, when nearly a mile from shore he was seized with cramps!

He was certain that he would never again see home and mother, but, just when he knew all would be over soon, he felt himself seized and towed in the direction of the mainland, by a woman!

It was an ignominous situation for a husky marine to find himself in, but he couldn't help feeling a little grateful. After they had reached the shore and he had stammered his thanks to his benefactress, he realized that after all he was pretty lucky, and that his dignity need not suffer unless he told the story himself to friends living elsewwhere.

The secret remained his until recently, when in the swimming contest from Catalina two women nearly reached the mainland. Then he learned from the papers that his rescuer was one of these two, and had been forced to give up when five miles from the destination, because the tide forced her back. Since Mr. Wrigley was so impressed by her splendid attempt that he gave her a consolation prize of $2,500, Edwin decided that there was no disgrace about being rescued by her a mile from the shore—hence we have the story.

Editorially speaking we think he should be proud—don't you?

FIRE DAMAGES LEDBETTER HOME

Fire which started in the upstairs flue Sunday resulted in considerable damage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ledbetter about one and half miles east of town.

It was discovered about eight-thirty Sunday morning and Mr. Ledbetter with the help of Mrs. Ledbetter and two friends on the place fought for over two hours, desperately trying to keep the fire under control.

Mr. Ledbetter tried to call and have the chemical truck come to their assistance, but was unable to get in connection, with the telephone operators. [illegible] ed in smothering the flames and then they quickly put out the smoking walls.

The damage had not been estimated accurately Tuesday.

A peculiar coincident was that during the fire they were unable to get central, and afterward when they had sat down completely exhausted the operator broke the ice on the wires and the telephone bell tinkled merrily out in the hall.

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Birthday Dinner

A surprise birthday dnner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Erwin, Sr., on Jan. 23, in honor of Mr. Erwin's eighty-second birthday.

Around a lovely table gathered the following members of his family: Misses Maud and Jane Erwin of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Erwin, Jr., of Denton and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Erwin of Pilot Point.

An added attraction to the dinner was a lovely white loaf cake made by Mrs. J. W. Erwin, Jr., decorated with pink and green rose buds and pink candles and in the center in colors was the number 82.

Mr. Erwin made a wish and blew out all the candles with the exception of three, which means three years to wait before his wish comes true.

Those who called during the day to offer congratulations were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Luck and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Webb.

Mr. Erwin is a pioneer citizen of Pilot Point. He was born near Bristol in Sullivan county, Tenn., in 1845. He came to Sherman, Texas in 1877 and lived there about two years returning to his native state. He came to Texas again about forty years ago and settled in Pilot Ponit and since that time he has been a prominent citizen and business man of this place.

Mr. Erwin is an ex-confederate soldier and a mason of high standing. Regardless of his years he is still young in looks and manners and continues to run his grain and feed store on the east side, seldom being absent from his place of business.

Mr. J. W. and N H. Erwin are the only brothers in Texas and only nine of the entire Erwin family are living in Texas. They are the members who were present for the dinner and Miss Nathan Erwin of Dallas, who was unable to attend.

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ACCIDENT ON SQUARE

When driving her car on the square Thursday morning, Mrs. D. C. Lassiter fortunately escaped serious injury when one of the wheels collapsed suddenly. She was driving slowly, and no other car was near, so she was not hurt. Had she been driving rapidly serious damage might have been done.

Back in Texas

Following is a clipping from the Hugo (Okla.) Daily paper. Mr. and Mrs. Porter formerly lived here and were well known and highly respected people. Pilot Point friends will be glad to know of Mr. Porter's success.

R. L. Porter, assistant cashier of the National Bank of Commerce here, has accepted a position with the Texas state banking department as liquidating agent, and will leave the latter part of this week.

His headquarters will be at Austin. His family will follow later.

Mr. Porter has been connected with the National Bank of Commerce since August, 1925, and has made many friends and acquaintances here. He came here from Pilot Point, Texas.

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Oakdale Correspondent Married Last Week

Miss Velma Crutsinger, who has been sending us news for some time from the Oakdale community, might have informed us of the following very important recent event in her own life, as reported by a friend from that district. However, he Post-Signal extends very sincere, if belated, best wishes to her, and wish for her and the lucky man from the Lemons community every happiness as they begin their new life together.

Crutsinger-Ingram

Miss Velma Crutsinger of this place and Mr. Orbie Ingram of Lemons drove to Pilot Point Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1927 and were quietly married at the home of Rev. C. Vines. Bro. Vines officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crutsinger, having lived around Pilot Point a greater part of her life,—Velma will certainly be missed out of the community as she was a charming young lady and was loved by all who knew her.

The groom is a prominent young farmer and has lived all his life in [illegible] and Mrs. Ingram will make their home.

Both have a host of friends who wish them much joy and happiness in their new undertakings of life.

A Friend.

We are pleased to receive our first batch of news from the new Oakdale correspondent, Mrs. Ingram's mother, who will take her daughter's place as Oakdale correspondent. You will find this news on the last page.

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Merry Mixup Club

Members of the Merry Mixup Club report their last two meetings as follows:

The Merry Mixup Club met Saturday afternoon, Jan. 15th, at the home of Louise Mullinax. Several members were absent due to the bad weather. Those who were present gathered around the cheerful fire, and the afternoon was spent in sewing. The dues and offerings were turned in to the secretary, and then the hostess served dainty refreshments, consisting of hot chocolate, cakes and candy, to—Alice Burger, Kathleen Pickel, Alma Shaw, Louise Beard Eunice McDonald, Ethel Phillips and the hostess, who is also a member.

The meeting last Saturday, Jan. 22, was a smaller one, because of the continued bad weather. It was held at the Beard home, and since so few members could attend, the future plans of the club were not discussed, those present spending the time sewing. The meeting proved however to be a merry one indeed, and late in the afternoon a plate luncheon of hot chocolate, pimento sandwiches and cake was served.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

On January 13 at 2:30 p. m. the year book committee met in the home of the chairman, Mrs. E. C. Bauer, and programs for the entire year were made out. These consisted of the Devotional, Bible Study and Mission Studies.

Hostesses for the social meetings of the year were appointed.

After the business was finished, delicious refreshments were served, consisting of boiled custard and cake. The following were the members present: Mrs. G. R. Adkins, Mrs. Ben Whitley, Mrs. Gordon Elmore, Mrs. E. C. Escow, Mrs. T. P. Devenport and the hostess

CONTINUED RAIN AGAIN HAMPERS LOCAL TRAFFIC

The unusually long rainy spell which has gripped this territory steadily for the past two weeks, has again brought traffic troubles for Pilot Point and vicinity. Very few farmers have been coming to town and last Saturday's business was one of the poorest this city has seen in a long time. The Red Ball stage operating between Whitesboro and Denton has had difficulty in making its runs due to flooded roads in the Big Elm bottom, but we understand they have kept up their schedule to this city, altho water was sometimes up to the running boards of the car.

"If you must go out with your car, stay on the graveled roads," is the advice given.

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Fire Department Called Out

The fire department was called out Saturday night to the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mitchell in the northeast part of town where the hot water pipes inside the furnace had broken with a loud report, causing volume after volume of black smoke and soot to rise from all the registers in the different rooms.

Thinking that the furnace might have exploded, they turned in the alarm, but when the fire boys arrived the smoke had begun to clear away.

The paper all over the house was ruined but the exact damage has not been estimated.

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Thursday Bridge Club

Mrs. E. P. Selz was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club at her home on [illegible] A. H. McNeace, Mrs. [illegible] l Cassity, and Mrs. D. J Mitchell. During the meeting it was decided to [illegible] members 250 points who [illegible] the club on time.

Favors in the game went to the following: high score prize—a [illegible] ra buffet set to Mrs. Walter [illegible] of Krum; low score prize—a miniature telephone directory memorandum to Mrs. Jack Peel—guest prize, also madeira, to Mrs. H. M. Rix of Los Angeles, California.

After an enjoyable social hour the hostess served delicious refreshments consisting of chicken salad, potato chips, olives, crackers and hot tea to the following: Mrs. A. W. Morris, Mrs. Grady Ryan, Mrs. Jack Peel, Mrs. Earl Cassity, Mrs. D. J. Mitchell, Mrs. George Light, Jr., Mrs. A. H. McNeace, Mrs. Hugh Dunn, Mrs. F. W. Hayden, Mrs. Walter Wilson of Krum and Mrs. H. M. Rix of Los Angeles, California.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Earl Cassity on Jan. 27th at 2:30 P. M.

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At Denton Hospital

Miss Rebecca Ann Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid of this city, was taken to a Denton hospital Saturday morning where the doctors found it necessary to perform an operation for appendicitis. She withstood the operation splendidly and was getting along so well that it was possible for her mother to come on Saturday. With continued improvement she will be able to come home in a very short time.

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BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET

Members of the Calvary Baptist church are requested to attend Sunday School this Sunday at 9:30. After the hour's service the group will be ready to start for Sanger at about 10:30 to attend the Denton County Baptist Sunday School Association meeting. Members are urged to forget the inclement weather and the bad roads and to attend 100 per cent strong.

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J. A. COLE DIES

Miss Clara Belle Cole of this city, received a telegram Sunday, telling of the death of her father, J. A. Cole, of Oklahoma City, who was formerly a resident of this place.

Owing to the inclement weather and bad traffic connections, Miss Cole was unable to attend the funeral which was held Tuesday, January 25.

Mr. Cole had been confined to his bed for over ten months with paralytic strokes. His death although ending his sufferings, threw a pall of sadness over those who knew him.